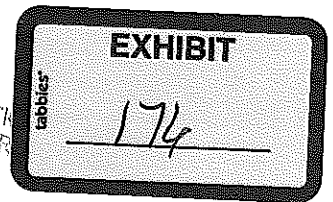


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Dear Mr. Stacey,

As a follow up to my verbal testimony at the hearing on January 21st, I submit the following. I fully concur with the testimony of John Garcia, President of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents and most of the testimony provided on Thursday and reiterate my contention that the classification should come first, followed by an economic impact study to better prepare business for the anticipated expense.

- Golf courses are open space and put more water in to the system than they withhold. When golf courses and farms fail they generally are developed, subsequently consuming more water and deteriorating open space.
- Golf courses have worked closely with the DEP in recent years to develop the Best Management Practices for golf course irrigation and water conservancy is in our best interest given the associated cost and quality reduction from over application.

The game of golf and golf courses provides a tremendous positive impact, both economically and land use, by establishing valuable open space as well as net positive to stream flow. Can we anticipate river classification and an economic impact study in advance?

Thank you for the opportunity to present these important comments.

Sincerely,

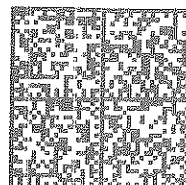
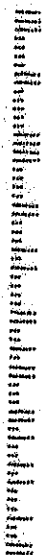
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